

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A system of expandable tubulars, comprising:

a first tubular;

a second tubular; and

a connector system coupling the first tubular to the second tubular, the connector system having a plurality of interlocking extensions comprising receiving extensions extending from the first tubular and insertion extensions extending from the second tubular, each insertion extension having an expanded region and each receiving extension having a connector opening with a narrow outer portion and a wider inner portion to receive a corresponding expanded region ~~insertion extension~~, the corresponding insertion extension being axially inserted into the receiving extension and spreading the narrow outer portion until the expanded region is captured in the wider inner portion to ~~and automatically interlock~~ ~~interlocked with the insertion extension and the~~ receiving extension ~~upon insertion~~.
2. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1, further comprising a slide cover positioned to secure the plurality of interlocking extensions.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently amended) The system as recited in claim 1 ~~3~~, wherein the receiving extensions extend from an end of the first tubular and the insertion extensions extend from an adjacent end of the second tubular.

5. (Canceled)
6. (Canceled)
7. (Previously presented) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the connector system comprises a sand barrier.
8. (Previously presented) The system as recited in claim 7, wherein the sand barrier is positioned along the interior of the first tubular and the second tubular.
9. (Previously presented) The system as recited in claim 7, wherein the sand barrier is positioned along the exterior of the first tubular and the second tubular.
10. (Canceled)
11. (Canceled)
12. (Canceled)
13. (Canceled)
14. (Canceled)
15. (Canceled)
16. (Currently amended) A connector system for connecting a pair of adjacent tubulars, comprising:
 - a plurality of connector portions extending from a first tubular, the plurality of connector portions being separated by connector portion gaps formed through a wall of the first tubular; ~~and~~
 - a plurality of corresponding connector portions disposed at an end of a second tubular, the plurality of corresponding connector portions being separated by corresponding connector portion gaps formed through a wall of the second tubular, the plurality of connector portions being configured to

interlockingly receive the corresponding connector portions when the first tubular and the second tubular are rotated with respect to each other; and

a sand barrier positioned along the plurality of connector portions and the plurality of corresponding connector portions when engaged.

17. (Original) The connector system as recited in claim 16, wherein each connector portion comprises a plurality of spaced circumferentially oriented ridges extending radially inward, and each corresponding connector portion comprises a plurality of corresponding ridges extending radially outward for receipt between the spaced circumferentially oriented ridges upon relative rotation of the first tubular and the second tubular.

18. (Original) The connector system as recited in claim 17, further comprising a sleeve disposed around at least one of the connector portions.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Original) The connector system as recited in claim 18, wherein the sleeve comprises a slide cover sized to slide over an interlocked connector portion and corresponding connector portion.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Canceled)

23. (Canceled)

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30. (Canceled)

31. (Canceled)

32. (Previously presented) A system of tubulars, comprising:

a first tubular;

a second tubular coupled to the first tubular via a connector system; and

a sand barrier disposed along the connector system, the sand barrier being positioned to block influx of particulates into an interior of the first and second tubulars when positioned in a wellbore.

33. (Original) The system as recited in claim 32, wherein the sand barrier is external to the connector system.

34. (Original) The system as recited in claim 32, wherein the sand barrier is internal to the connector system.

35. (Canceled)

36. (Canceled)

37. (Canceled)

38. (Canceled)

39. (Canceled)

40. (Canceled)

41. (Currently amended) A system of expandable tubulars, comprising:

a first tubular;

a second tubular; and

a slide cover slidably mounted on the first tubular, wherein the slide cover may be slid relative to the first tubular and into engagement with the second tubular to secure the second tubular to the first tubular.

42. (Previously presented) The system as recited in claim 41, further comprising a plurality of interlocking extensions disposed at adjacent ends of the first and second tubulars.

43. (Original) The system as recited in claim 42, wherein the slide cover is disposed around the plurality of interlocking extensions to secure them in interlocked engagement.

44. (Canceled)

45. (Canceled)

46. (Canceled)

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